

# THE SQUIRREL CAGE

BY REID BUNDY

**SOAP OPERY** — Lady we know had one whale of a wash the other day — saved up because of the heavy dews the previous week. She dug the laundry out of the hamper in the kids' bedrooms, out of the kitchen hamper, and from here and there around the house. The soap and hot water were ready when the phone rang. She went to the phone after flipping on the automatic washer. At the end of the phone conversation she went back to the washer, only to notice that she had forgotten to connect the suds-saver and all her hot, soapy water had gone down the drain. "Oh, well, I can draw another tub of water for the next batch," she murmured. That's when she noticed that she hadn't put in the clothes, either.

**TRICKY TEE-VEE** — Affable Hank Weaver, KECA-TV's sport announcer, was describing a semi-main event at the Legion Stadium and at the conclusion of the bout, coins and bills were showering in the ring. "This would be a good time to toss in that dollar So-and-So gave me," Weaver said. "Here's another half dollar, I'll just wriggle it around the dollar, and toss 'em both in." The cameraman swung the TV lens away about then and we never did see what would probably have been the nearest trick of the week.

**NEVER SAY DIE** — High School students writing for the Torrance News Torch (TNT) are of a special blend. They never give up, and the taste of defeat is always sweetened up as much as possible for the high school readers. A case in point is the big headline which appeared on Monday's sport page of the TNT, "Sentinels Nip Tartars." The score was 10-1, which is about as far as you can go and still get "nipped."

**PROOF POSITIVE** — There was a little news item in Monday's papers out of Fort Ord which probably didn't surprise a single GI. Following an open house at the base where relatives of GIs were treated to Army chow, 200 persons were treated at the base hospital for food poisoning, the news item said.

**DISTRESS SIGNALS** . . . Margaret Friel, class secretary of the fourth grade at El Nido Elementary School, has backed me in a corner and I'm desperately in the need of a little face-saving. In a letter sent to me this week, little Miss Friel exhibited a healthy interest in the little community of El Nido. Here are some of the things she and her classmates would like to know:

1. Was El Nido a land grant?
2. How old is El Nido?
3. Who founded El Nido?
4. Who named El Nido?
5. Why was it called El Nido?
6. What was El Nido before the homes were built?
7. What part did El Nido play in Los Angeles County history?
8. Was El Nido planned to be a city?
9. Who was the first resident of El Nido?

Shooting questions along another line, Miss Friel said her class had found that some type of a railroad ran through El Nido. Now they want to know:

1. Why was the railroad station built there?
2. What railroad was it?
3. Where did the trains come from and go to?

4. Was the railroad here before the homes?

5. Why was the station closed?

I can't even tell her where downtown El Nido leaves off and the suburbs start.

## Tenure Granted To 36 Torrance School Teachers

Thirty-six Torrance teachers, nurses, and administrative personnel were granted tenure with the school district Tuesday night when offered contracts for the 1953-54 school year by the Board of Education.

The granting of tenure—which is automatic when the school district rehires persons for the same job for the fourth time—means that those teachers and administrators cannot be released from the district against their will without a hearing into the causes for their release.

Those receiving tenure by the board action Tuesday included: Warren W. Hamilton, director of special services for the district.

Principal Donald L. Robison, North Torrance Elementary School.

Three Nurses  
School Nurses Violet E. Caldwell, Flora A. Marrs,

Curriculum Librarian Gertrude Elliott, Burbage.

High School Teachers Alice B. Hammond, Martin I. Wang, Vernon R. Wolfe, Anthony S. Gallo.

Tenure was also granted to the following 26 elementary teachers:

Elementary Teachers  
Doris D. Crosier, Janet H. Boller, D. Pearl Herbert, Gladys

C. Lewis, Lovina W. Sheehan, George W. Ackerman, Lillian R. Dean, Alice W. Hedgecock, Lavona W. McKelvy, Lyda Reid Willis, Cecil D. Alberts, Lucille D. Hanlon.

Eunice M. Gesing, Frances H. Kaltrier, Margaret C. Pelland, Helen M. Brown, Lois H. Freeman, Mary F. Gilliland, Kenneth S. Goodman, Jackie V. Hampson, David S. Lepkowsky, E. Genevieve T. Midyett, Marilyn M. Hickson, Virginia E. Stallings, Mina B. Steward, and Dale R. Wickstrom.

## Army Private Gains Stripe

Leonard L. Nicholson, son of the mortar section of Company B of the division's 35th Regiment.

A former student at the Washoe, Nev., Public High School, he was employed in South Gate by the Utility Construction Co. before entering the Army last August.

Now the senior American division on the peninsula, the 25th landed in July 1950, shortly after the Communists attacked the Republic of South Korea.

Nicholson arrived in Korea last January and is assigned to

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## Agriculture Dept. Employee Retires

Philip T. Baden has announced his retirement as inspector at the Torrance Storage Area of the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot this week after 30 years of service with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

A graduate of Michigan State college, Baden was in charge of the Detroit office at the Dept. of Agriculture before being transferred to San Pedro in 1947.

He plans to tour the country and visit in Florida with his sister before making a permanent home in Long Beach.

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